

WHEREAS, National Suicide Prevention Week (NSPW), in conjunction with National Suicide Prevention Month is an annual week-long campaign in the United States to inform and engage health professionals and the general public about suicide prevention and warning signs of suicide; and

WHEREAS, by drawing attention to the problem of suicide in the United States, the campaign also strives to reduce the stigma surrounding the topic, as well as encourage the pursuit of mental health assistance and support people who have attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, as part of the campaign, health organizations are encouraged to conduct depression screenings-including self-administrated and online tests-and refer interested individuals to a national toll-free crisis telephone number 1-800-273-TALK (8255); and

WHEREAS, since 1975, National Suicide Prevention Week awareness events are held throughout the week corresponding to World Suicide Prevention Day, which is recognized annually on the 10th of September.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Rogers, Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, do hereby proclaim **September 5-11, 2021**, as

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK

in Arkansas City, Kansas.

I FURTHER call upon all citizens of Arkansas City to observe September 2021 as

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

Name/Title: Scott Rogers, Mayor Date: August 17, 2021